

# KEEP CABLE ABLE

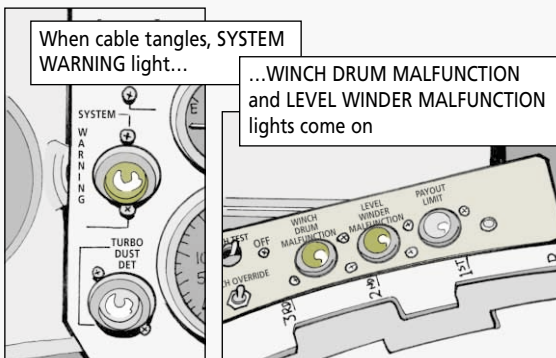
OH, MAN!  
WITH **NO LOAD**  
ATTACHED TO  
MY CABLE, IT'LL  
GET **TANGLED**  
FOR SURE!

**M**echanics, you need to be **very** careful when retrieving the main winch cable on your M88A2 Hercules.

Do it wrong or get in too big a hurry and the winch cable can birdnest. That tangled cable can burn out the winch, NSN 3950-01-434-3231. A new one will cost your unit \$90,000.

When cable tangles, SYSTEM WARNING light...

...WINCH DRUM MALFUNCTION and LEVEL WINDER MALFUNCTION lights come on



So keep the cable able on your Hercules like this:

- ★ Attach a heavy load—preferably another vehicle—to the cable before reeling it in. Without that load, the cable comes in loose and tangles up on the reel.
- ★ Flip the WINCH LIGHT switch to ON before reeling in the cable. With the light on, you'll be able to see any snags on the winch drum early and can prevent birdnesting.
- ★ If the winch gets tangled, flip the WINCH OVERRIDE switch to OVERRIDE and back the cable out, then reel it in again. Make sure there's no slack between the winch and the load before trying to reel the cable back in.

